1	2	3	4	5
32	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	0.6	0.6	0.6
33	Daman & Diu	0.12	0.14	0.53
34	Lakshadweep	1.32	1.4	1.38
35	Pondicherry	2.04	*22*	2.18
	TOTAL:	2545.68	2018.39	2229.66

Further allocations and distribution to eligible BPL families in Districts and Panchayat Blocks through Fair Price Shops are done by respective States/UT Governments.

Substandard wheat imported for BPL people

1410. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been importing substandard wheat for distribution to the people below poverty line; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Buffer stock of rice, wheat and pulses

1411. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that food security concerns have spurred Government to launch a massive mission aimed at increasing grain production and stocking more rice, wheat and pulses;

(b) whethter it is also a fact that Government plan to bolster the buffer stocks of these three grains by importing as well as increasing the acreage of cultivation;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the grain shortage in the country is expected to be about 20 million tonnes by 2009; and

(d) if so, the details of Government's proposed plan to increase the buffer stock?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Food Security Mission (NFSM)" has been approved to be launched from 2007-08 to enhance the production of rice, wheat